



# **USDA Corporate Administrative/Financial Systems**

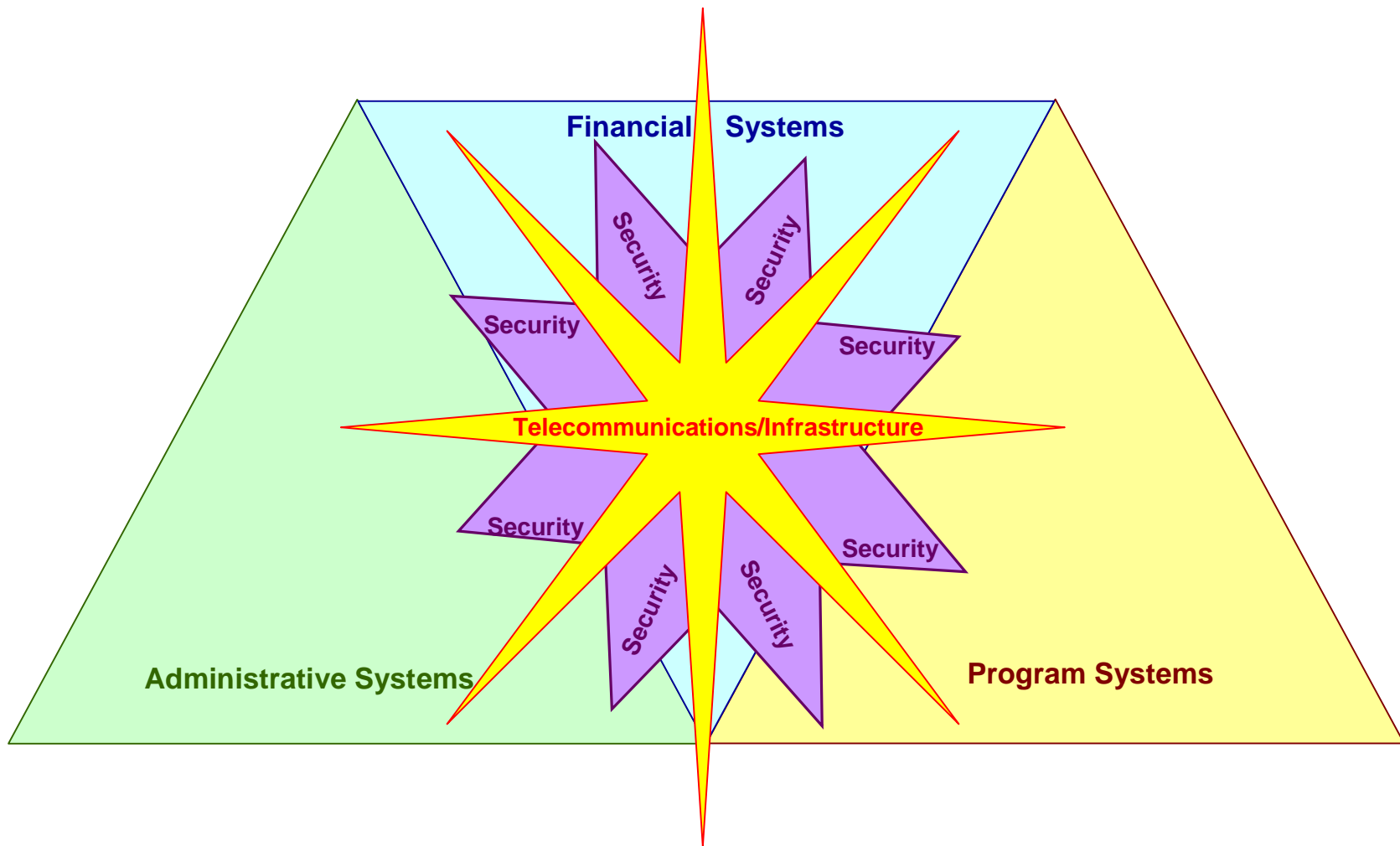
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# Integrated Corporate Information System





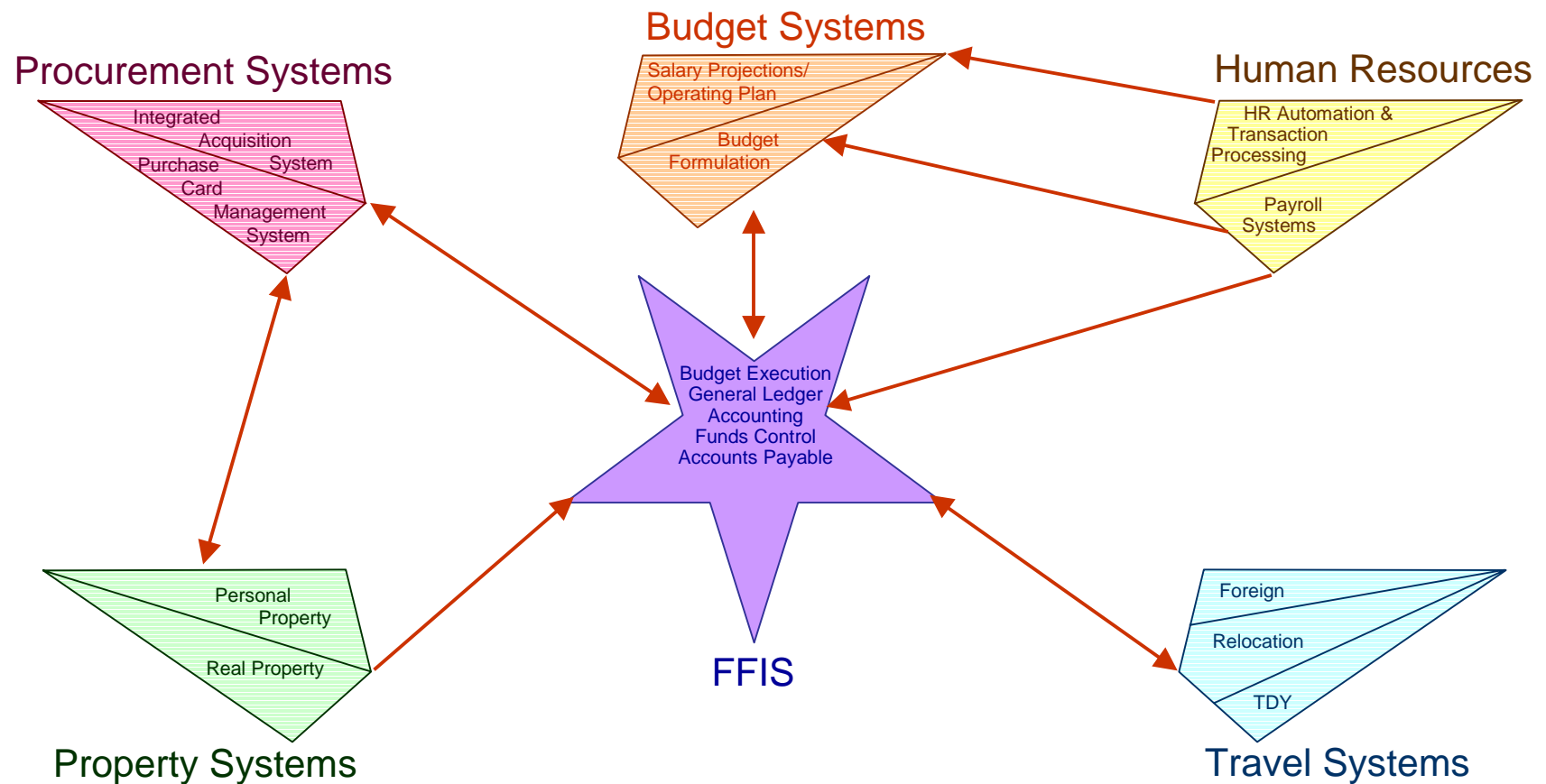
## **What is the Problem ?**

- **With tighter budgets there is a need for accurate, reliable and timely department-wide administrative and financial information.**
  - **Required: for good management decision-making to adequately defend discretionary budgets**
- **Current corporate systems:**
  1. **Cannot provide department-wide information**
  2. **Cannot be audited**
  3. **Are 1970's technology and costly to operate**
  4. **Lack data standards**
- **External Stakeholders do not believe our numbers – threatens budgets and programs**
- **Systems lack good management controls, e.g., we cannot accurately report how travel money is being spent or where and how many computers we have**
- **Money is being spent on administrative/financial systems with little or no corporate direction**



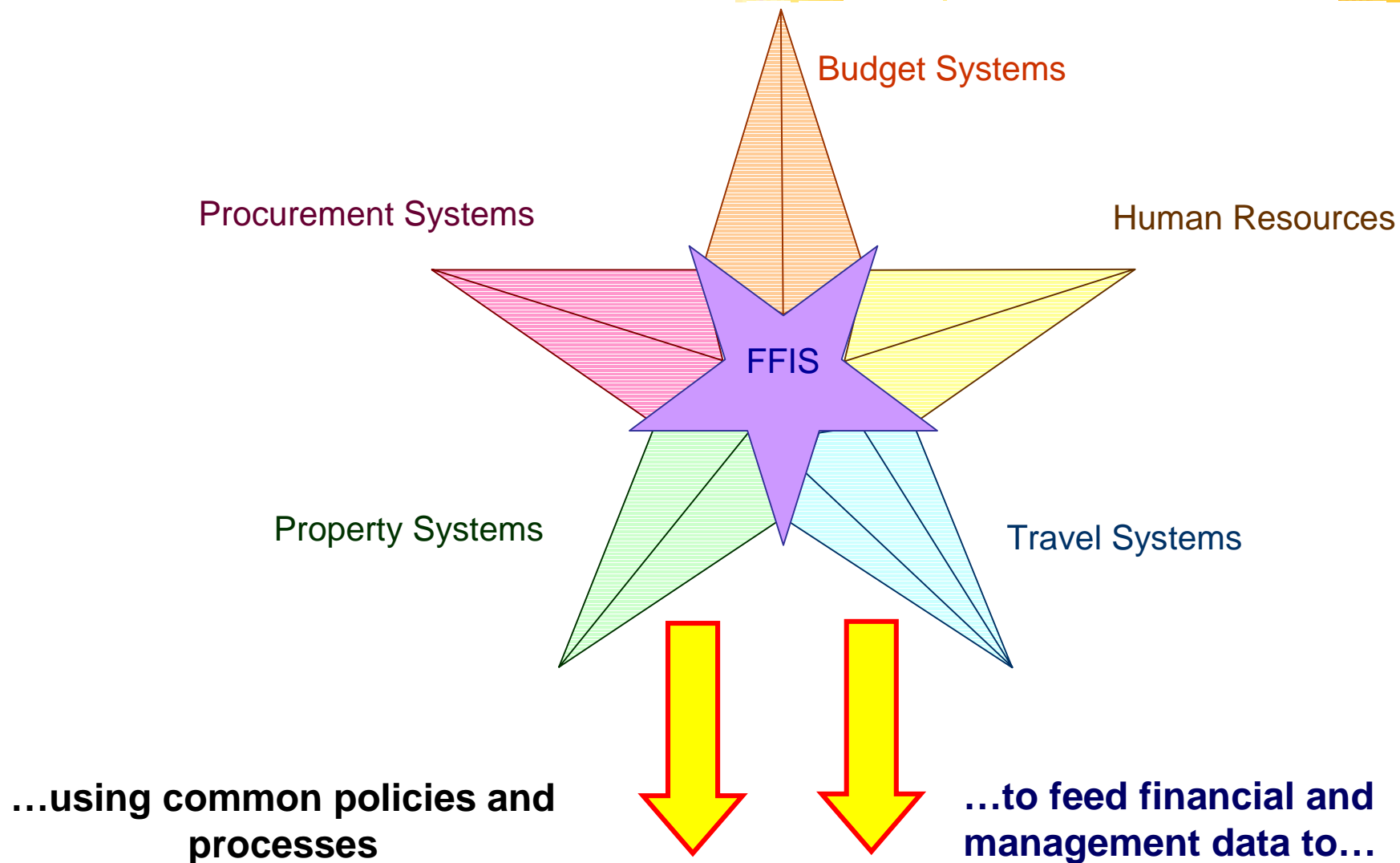
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The Pieces exchanging financial/management data....





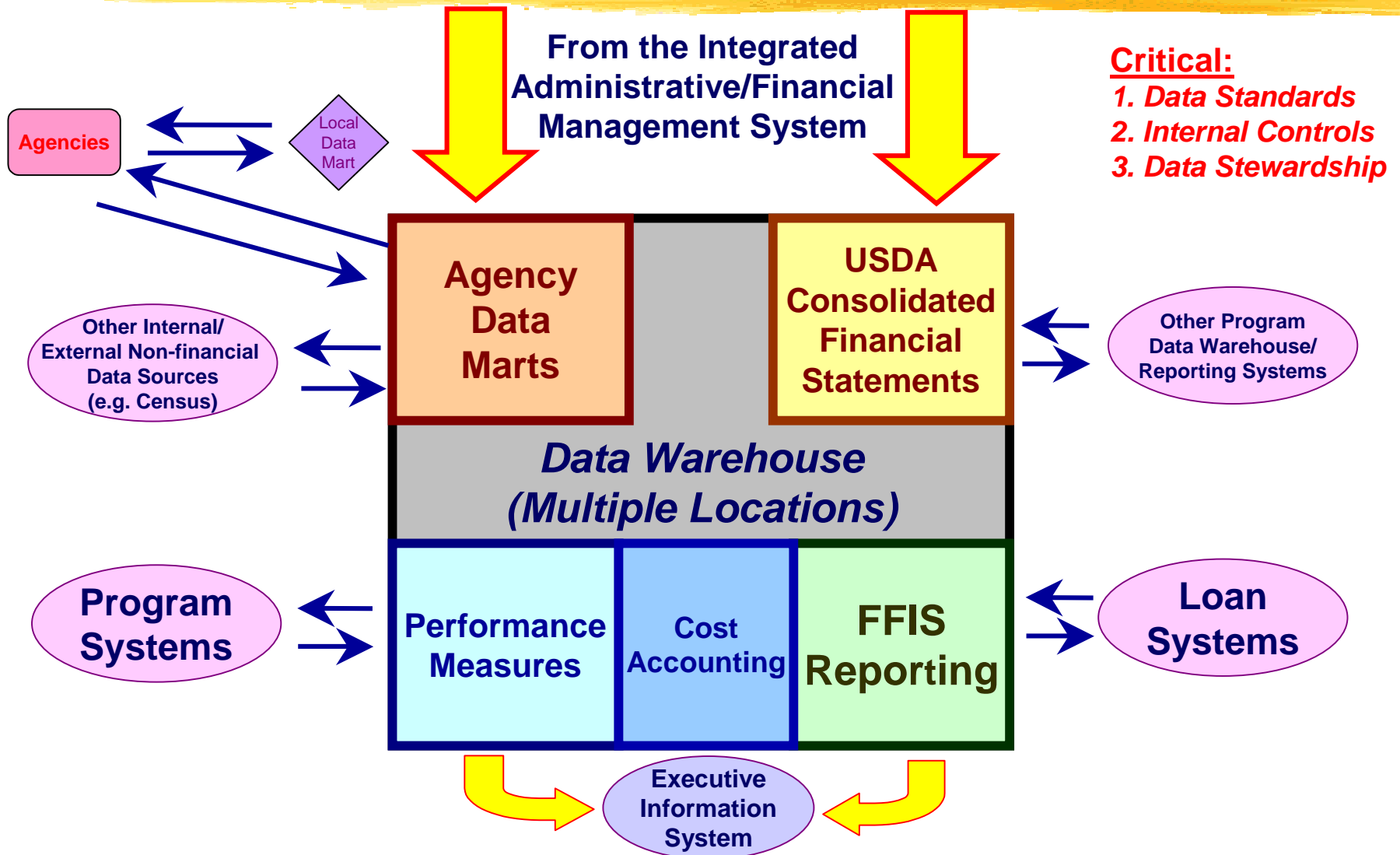
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# *The Integrated System “Vision”*

...the Department-wide, Corporate Data Warehouse





## What USDA needs

### **A corporate approach to administrative/financial systems**

- Positions USDA to answer questions from stakeholders
- Provides corporate level reporting missing now
- Leverages limited resources
- Common policies and processes further streamlines operations
- Results in reliable, accurate and timely information to manage the department
- OCFO and DA have already made significant progress toward this goal (FFIS, PCMS)